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1. Between 10 January and 15 January 1953 the 1 Soviet Armored Division was transferred to Timisoara from the Bucharest area.
2. The 1 Soviet Armored Division is divided into two brigades, each composed of an armored regiment and a fully motorized infantry regiment. The division commander is Major General Varganov.
The 138 Armored Brigade:
3. The 138 Armored Brigade consists of the 7 Armored Regiment and the 3 Motorized Infantry Regiment. The strength of this brigade is about 1,500 men; commander is General Khudyakov.
4. The equipment of this brigade consists of 76 JS III tanks; eight 90 mm guns; eight type M 42 antitank guns, 76.2 mm; 40 Maxim-Tokarev light machine guns; 20 M 42 Maxim heavy machine guns; and two "Stalin organ" rocket projectors.
5. The shoulder boards of the armored regiment are black with light red decorations; in the infantry regiment, the color of the uniform with red decorations and a black stripe. Other troops have bright red shoulder boards with lilac decorations.

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The 176 Armored Brigade:

8. The 176 Armored Brigade consists of the 22 Armored Regiment and the 17 Motorized Infantry Regiment. It has about 1,500 men.
9. The equipment of this brigade consists of 83 T-34/85 tanks, eight type 857 tank recovery vehicles, four 90 mm guns, four type M 43 57 mm antitank guns, 32 Degtyarev M 28 light machine guns, 16 M 42 Maxim heavy machine guns, and 16 type M 38 20 mm mortar. The shoulder boards are as in the other brigade.

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